

Appl. No.: 09/890,295  
Response dated August 9, 2004  
Reply to Office action of June 2, 2004

#### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration and allowance of the instant application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, and the remarks which follow.

Claims 14-16 and 19-22 are pending in this application.

Claim 18 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. This objection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Claim 18 has been cancelled, and re-written in independent form as new claim 22, per the Examiner's suggestion. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's rejections, as they pertain to the patentability of the claims, are respectfully traversed.

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Browning (US 2,678,285). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

As was previously noted by Applicant, it is very well settled that a factual determination of anticipation requires the disclosure, in a single reference, of each and every element of the claimed invention, and an Examiner must identify wherein each and every facet of the claimed invention is disclosed in the applied reference. See, In re Levy, 17 USPQ2d 1561 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1990). Applicant respectfully submits that the '285 reference fails to anticipate the present invention on the grounds that it fails to disclose each and every element thereof.

Applicant has amended claim 14 so that it now clearly states that the claimed alkanolamine ester be employed in an amount of from about 0.5 to 5 parts by weight, based on the weight of the polymer. Consequently, since the '285 reference contains no such disclosure, it should not be held to anticipate the invention embodied in newly amended claim 14.

Accordingly, for the above-stated reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of this

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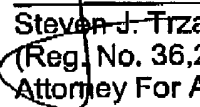
rejection is respectfully requested.

It is believed that the foregoing reply is completely responsive under 37 CFR 1.111 and that all grounds for rejection are completely avoided and/or overcome. A Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly requested.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney if any further questions remain which can be resolved by a telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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